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ARUBA IN STYLE gearing up for a glittering, glamorous fashion week



Eveline Wever and Damalice Mansur

Those who may have never experienced the palpable excitement of days dedicated to events that attract glamorous and world renowned celebrities, likely do not realize what will be in store for Aruba the first weekend of November for the inaugural ARUBA IN

STYLE fashion lifestyle & luxury event,

ARUBA IN STYLE founders Damalice Mansur, Ronchi De Cuba, and Evelin Wever, have been covering the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York for the past five years; this is produced by IMG Fashion, who will also produce ARUBA IN STYLE in association with Aruba Fashion Group. The co-founders are psyched up by the warm response from designers and fashionistas from around the world. "Things are coming together quickly now," they confide, referring also to the coup of collaborating with the Salon Initiative of Amsterdam to combine the AIS with ten days of remarkable art events all around the island, which will be integrated into ARUBA IN STYLE/SALON.

AIS organizers expect a stellar roster of internationally known designers and personalities, and are in conversation with ISSA of

London, who has expressed extreme enthusiasm for the project. Kate Middleton's engagement dress and many of her outfits are by this favorite designer, and stars such as Jennifer Lopez and Madonna are regularly seen garbed in clothes by Daniella Issa Helayel.

Brazilian designer Marcelo Quadros, known for his wonderfully fluid, flattering and feminine fashions, has declared he is creating a unique line just for ARUBA IN STYLE, and even venturing into custom-made footwear to accompany his designs. These are only a small sample of the several dynamic designers whose work will be seen during the nine runway events on Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5.



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Phone hacking: News of the World reporter's letter reveals cover-up

LONDON (AFP) - British lawmakers released Tuesday a letter from a former News of the World journalist claiming phone hacking was "widely discussed" at the tabloid and warned they could recall James Murdoch to give evidence.

Clive Goodman, the paper's former royal editor who was jailed for hacking in 2007, also alleged that ex-editor Andy Coulson, who went on to become Prime Minister David Cameron's media chief, tried to cover up the scandal.

The letter released by parliament's media committee directly contradicts claims by media tycoon Rupert Murdoch's top lieutenants that they were unaware of the phone hacking and that Goodman was a rogue reporter.

Tom Watson, a lawmaker on the committee, said the latest revelations were "devastating". Watson has led moves to probe the scandal, which has now claimed the jobs of two top British policemen and several Murdoch executives.

The committee has recalled four former Murdoch executives to testify on September 6 and said it may also recall James Murdoch, the tycoon's son, over alleged inconsistencies in his testimony at a hearing in July.

Goodman's accusation comes in a letter he wrote in March 2007 to appeal against his dismissal from the now-shuttered News of the World, after being jailed for conspiring to hack the phones of members of the royal household.

He also accused Coulson of offering not to sack him if he agreed not to drag Britain's biggest selling Sunday newspaper into the phone hacking row during his court case.

Goodman said the newspaper's senior legal manager, Tom Crone, and Coulson "promised on many occasions that I could come back to a job at the newspaper if I did not implicate the paper or any of its staff in my mitigation plea."

Coulson resigned as editor after Goodman and a private

detective, Glenn Mulcaire, were jailed in January 2007 but always denied knowledge of hacking.

He went on to work for Cameron but resigned in January amid continuing allegations, just days before police reopened the probe into the scandal.

Coulson was arrested on July 8 on suspicion of phone-hacking and bribing police. Goodman was rearrested the same day on suspicion of police bribery.

Dutch probe deaths at Catholic institute

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch prosecutors said Tuesday they had opened an inquest into the deaths of young boys at a psychiatric institute run by the Catholic Church in the 1950s

after investigators reported unusually high mortality rates.

A commission probing sex abuse allegations against Roman Catholic clergy said it had found higher than normal death rates among minors from the institute in Heel, situated in the southeastern Netherlands.

"The information concerns a number of deaths of minors that was above the average for the period covering the years 1952, 1953 and 1954," the statement added.

It said the Dutch prosecution service had been informed of the findings, but did not say whether it thought the allegations were linked to sexual abuse.

In a separate statement, prosecutors said 34 boys under the age of 18 died during the years in question, an

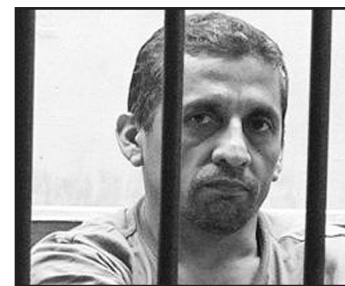
"above normal" rate, adding that it was opening an inquest into the case.

Prosecutors however added should they discover "facts punishable by law" they would not be able to move on the case, because it would fall beyond the date prosecutable under Dutch law.

"The suspect deaths happened 55 years ago. Therefore there cannot be any enforcement," the statement said, adding that prosecutors opened the inquest because of the impact the incident have on the community.

The Deetman commission was set up by the Dutch church last year to prove allegations of abuse in the Netherlands from 1945 onwards amid a widening paedophile priest scandal affecting several countries in Europe and elsewhere.

Humala brothers give Peruvian leader a headache



Antauro Humala

LIMA (AFP) - Peru's President Ollanta Humala is in the hotseat over his two misbehaving brothers, one who has rattled politicians with his jailhouse interviews while the other has run afoul of the ruling party.

Antauro Humala, 48, has been jailed for six years after leading a short-lived 2005 military rebellion that left six peo-

ple dead. The head of his prison in Piedra Gorda outside Lima and its security chief have also been fired in the wake of the case.

In recent days, Antauro had issued one political declaration after another, saying that his release was imminent thanks to his president brother and that he would organize his ultranationalist party as he issued missives to the older Humala warning him about Peru's social instability.

Meanwhile the president's Gana Peru nationalist party suspended another Humala brother, Alexis, who traveled to Russia in July for meetings on gas and fishing matters, without authorization from the president or his party.

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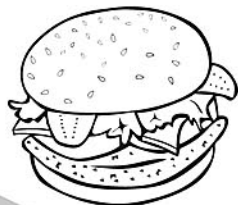
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Job unemployment rate is on the decrease



ORANJESTAD -- Government figures indicate that unemployment is on the decrease and that there are more jobs becoming available resulting in an increase in the employment rate on Aruba.

It appears that the efforts of the government which included the reopening of the Valero Refinery and the investments in and growth of our tourism, along with the restoration of the city center and barrios have begun to produce positive results. Figures from the SVB and the Tax Office show an increase in income taxes for the first half of the year, and, also almost 1500 new jobs that were created within less than one year.

After the above mentioned programs of the government, the situation with respect to employment is much better today than it was in 2009 when the government took office.

Aruba is now on a 10% economic increase. The government's target now is to reduce the budgetary deficit by 2013 to an acceptable level.

Plans are for the Valero Refinery to begin using Liquid Natural Gas. This project is estimated to have a cost of 200 million Dollars, which will be a substantial investment. Within 2 years, this LNG project should be ready and will mean that WEB will be using 140 million Aruban Florins less on fuel oil and that Valero Refinery will spend 220 million Aruban Florins less on fuel oil. This, obviously, will reduce the operational cost of the refinery and consequently will bring down the tariffs on water and electricity.

This tremendous project will be executed as a joint project between Valero Refinery and the government. It is expected to be an extremely in-

teresting undertaking for the future of Aruba.

Very soon they will begin the BoBarrio project and the construction of the Aruba Historic Center segment of the BoBarrio project. This will entail a brand new building adjacent to the existing to-be-renovated City Hall building. Then, in phases 2 and 3 the main street will be reconstructed. A Public Tender has been issued for the restoration of the San Nicolaas Water Tower which is expected to be initiated shortly.

The Juana Morto, de Vuyst, Madiki and other barrios will also receive a through and total renovation. The very next major project is the 4-lane Green Corridor highway which is planned to run from Oranjestad up to San Nicolaas. All of these projects will create numerous jobs for our people.

The Madiki Barrio is next for barrio renovation



ORANJESTAD -- By next week it is expected that the plans and details for the renovation of the Madiki Barrio will be ready for submission to a Public Tender. At the same time by next week work is expected to begin on the Painting Project of the Bo Barrio. This project, giving the barrio a face lift with colorful new paint has been well received by residents.

The government is intent on creating modern, clean and friendly barrios. The first of the barrios to be renovated is the Yuwana Morto barrio. Here all the roofs on the homes will be replaced with solar panels to create alternative energy for these homes. Likewise the Madiki barrio will be totally modernized with new side walks to give the area a new dimension from what it is today.

The government firmly believes that while these projects

may seem insignificant to some, they are crucial in creating a better life for our citizens and in making Aruba a better overall product.

What is very important to the government in the renovation of our barrios is recreational areas. The importance of recreational areas was proven when they brought the Panabol game was introduced in the barrios. It revealed that there was a lack of sane activity in the barrios for our young people. The painting project also served to bring citizens together, as well as the open air theaters, and several other activities.

Another project which will enhance life in the barrios is the renovation of the many schools. For the first time in many years our schools have gotten the badly needed attention. Schools in the city, Noord, San Nicolaas and Santa Cruz will be completely renovated.

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Belgium begins new coalition talks to end deadlock

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Belgium's politicians resumed talks yesterday in a bid to end a more than year-long political deadlock which has tested the unity of the nation split between its Dutch and French speakers.

Elio Di Rupo, head of the francophone Socialists and

favourite to lead the country, met with caretaker prime minister Yves Leterme to discuss Belgium's finances.

Leterme has been overseeing affairs since legislative elections in June 2010 failed to lead to the formation of a new government.

The crisis has seen Belgium split between the Dutch-speaking Flemish population in the north which is demanding more autonomy for the region and the French-speaking south.

In the coming days Di Rupo will lead talks with the heads of eight parties who agreed last

month to hold negotiations without separatist movement the New Flemish Alliance (N-VA).

The breakthrough was reached after the Christian Democratic CD&V in Flanders decided to break ranks with the Dutch-speaking re-

gion's biggest party.

The announcement followed an unusually sombre warning from King Albert II, who said the deadlock threatened the country's economic and social well-being with negative repercussions for the European project as a whole.

BBC Worldwide sells historic Radio Times magazine

LONDON (AFP) - BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of Britain's state broadcaster, yesterday sold its famous listings magazine Radio Times as part of two deals worth £121 million (\$199 million, 138 million euros).

In one deal the BBC hands control of its magazines to a private equity firm while in the other it sells off its share in an Indian joint venture.

"BBC Worldwide and Exponent Private Equity today announce that they have signed a sale and licensing agreement for the publication of titles currently published by BBC Magazines, BBC Worldwide's consumer magazines business," it said a statement.

"Under the terms of the deal Exponent will acquire, in full, Radio Times and a number of magazines less closely aligned to the BBC, as well as the rights to publish BBC-branded titles under licensing and contract arrangements."

In addition, Bennett, Coleman & Co. -- which owns The Times of India newspaper -- is to take BBC Magazines' 50 percent stake in Indian joint venture World-wide Media Ltd.

BBC Worldwide added that the bulk of the proceeds from the transactions would be re-invested in the British Broad-

casting Corporation, which is slashing costs amid the government's austerity drive.

"These transactions will deliver a total of £121 million to BBC Worldwide, with the majority of the proceeds going back to the BBC," said a statement, adding that the deals were subject to regulatory approval.

BBC Worldwide chief executive John Smith said the group would, as a result of the sales, be able to pursue a strategy "increasingly focused" on international video and digital services.

"The consumer magazines market faces a number of challenges, and this transaction brings a focus and degree of investment that BBC Worldwide alone is unable to provide," he added.

According to the BBC, its magazines business has grown to become Britain's fourth largest consumer magazines publisher by circulation, and number three by retail sales value.

The deal sees BBC Worldwide retain ownership of car magazine Top Gear, as well as its Good Food and Lonely Planet publications.

But it says goodbye to weekly publication The Radio Times, which has listed radio programmes since 1923, and today also provides details of television shows screened in Britain.

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Gijs Stork of SALON AUA

Presently, AIS organizers and IMG Fashion are reviewing the work of native designers as well, to provide a uniquely Aruban/Caribbean/Latin feel to the fashion week. "We sincerely hope to motivate Arubans who appreciate the creative art of fashion design, and to open doors by showcasing these great young talents." Ronchi, considered one of Aruba's most prominent designers, is lending his input, but "taking a backseat in this aspect to focus more on organizing a fabulous

event."

Packages for the fashion week are offered on the AIS website: <http://www.arubainstyle.com>; Renaissance Resort, Mall and Convention Center is the hub for most events, with the runway located in the convention center. Mid-day, Sunday, Nov 6, there will be a Pool Event at the Marriot Resort in Palm Beach, sponsored by Kok Optica, showcasing Emilio Pucci and Porsche eyewear with resort and beachwear by Brazilian designers. Individ-



Location/ Amsterdam Museum Participant/ Mattijs van Bergen

Work of artist Mattijs van Bergen during a salon in Holland

ual entrance to the various events can also be purchased at strategic locations around the island, allowing attendees to view particular designers that interest them, or get a glimpse of an especially adored media personality.

"We are getting a lot of interest and excitement from islanders and visitors," commented Eva and Damilice, "we believe ARUBA IN STYLE will be a great addi-

tion to the annual calendar of events. We have no doubt this will stimulate a new niche of island tourism, attracting those who love fashion, thoroughly enjoy all the glamorous aspects of a fashion week, and will come to fully experience and have fun in a new, exotic destination. We are very grateful for the enthusiastic support of our principal sponsors, the Aruba Tourism Authority and Ren-

naissance, who are absolutely convinced that Aruba will provide a very unique ambiance, and the vision of Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber in instantly recognizing the value of such an event. We all agree that the concept and the island are ideally suited to each other."

by Rosalie Klein

Sci-Tech

Mercury-loving bugs speed help for toxic spills

PARIS (AFP) - Scientists say they have engineered bacteria that can mop up mercury, a step forward in the goal of using "bioremediation" to cleanse toxic chemicals from the environment.

Mercury pollution of water and soil by industrial spills or gold mining is a major hazard because the chemical accumulates up the food chain, and tackling the problem is prohibitively expensive.

A team led by Oscar Ruiz of the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico say they inserted two mercury-friendly genes into the common intestinal germ, *Escherichia coli*.

The genes controlled a protein called metallothionein and an enzyme known as polyphosphate kinase, both of which bind to metals in order to prevent toxicity in cells.

The researchers immersed the engineered bugs in a nutrient solution to which high doses of mercury had been added.

The *E. coli* with genes for polyphosphate kinase grew in mercury levels that were 16 times higher than the maximum for normal strains of the bug.

Even more impressive, those with the genes for metallothionein flourished in 24 times the maximum mercury level.

After five days, the germs were spun in a centrifuge. Chemical analysis showed

the bacteria had absorbed up to 80 percent of the mercury to which they had been exposed.

The study appears in the latest issue of the open-access, peer-reviewed journal BMC Biotechnology.

In an email exchange with AFP, Ruiz said the experiments opened the way to a viable tool to not only clean up mercury but also recycle it, using electrochemistry to extract the chemical from the bacteria.

"In the approach we envision, the water can be pumped in situ into columns containing the engineered bacteria and then, once cleaned, it can be returned to the site, causing minimal disruption of the ecosystem," said Ruiz.

The scientists have not calculated the cost of using their technique in the field, but a back-of-the-envelope estimate is that it would beat current clean-up technologies, which cost \$100,000-\$150,000 per kilo (\$40,000-\$70,000 per pound) of mercury, he suggested.

Genetically modified organisms are viewed with concern by environmentalists, who fear their DNA could mingle with other germs or lifeforms, creating a peril for human health or biodiversity.

Ruiz said the bacteria used in the study was a "harmless, non-pathogenic" type whose genetic modifications presented no environmental threat and, in a clean-up, would be used in enclosed containers.



An handout picture release on August 16, 2011 by the Natural History Museum & Institute of Chiba shows a new species of eel found in the gloom of an undersea cave which is a "living fossil" astonishingly similar to the first eels that swam some 200 million years ago, biologists reported.

The strange find was made last year in a 35-metre (113-feet) deep fringing-reef cave off an island in the Western Pacific state of Palau, they said in the British journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. (AFP PHOTO)

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New to the Smart line-up for 2012 will be the Smart Ebike, a plug-in electric bicycle, which will also be unveiled in Frankfurt. It uses a 250-watt brushless electric



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hub motor mounted within the 26-inch rear wheel to supplement the power produced by pedaling. Three gears and four power levels let riders choose how much effort they expend and how much the bike provides.

Bells and whistles for the gadget-lovers include LED front and rear lights and an infotainment system with a USB port. There are plans in the works to develop an iPhone app which would let users monitor battery power and range. There's no word

yet on the price of this futuristic bike, but the smart money's on a fairly hefty price tag.

No doubt, however, many bicycle commuters will find the novelty and environmentally friendliness well worth the cost!

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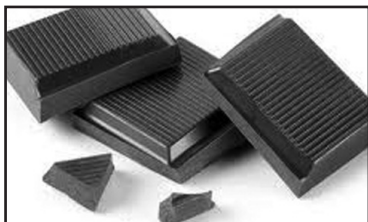
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Chocolate wards off hunger, and maybe sunburn too



MONTREAL (AFP) - Scientists in Canada said this week that they plan to study whether eating dark chocolate not only satisfies sweet tooth cravings, but protects against sunburn as well.

The study by researchers at Laval University in Quebec will monitor the effects of

chocolate consumption on fair-skinned volunteers between the ages of 25 and 65, each of whom will be prevailed upon to eat three squares of chocolate per day for 12 weeks.

Earlier research in Germany and Britain has found that chemicals in chocolate called polyphenols increase blood flow close to the skin, which helps protect against ultraviolet rays, but those studies were too small in scale to be conclusive.

The scientists at Laval University's Institute of Nutraceu-

tics and Functional Foods hope to confirm the link in a study of 60 people, about half of whom already have been recruited, they said.

Test subjects who have been fed chocolate are to be exposed to ultraviolet rays in a laboratory and their skin then checked for sun damage. A control group will be given a placebo.

Scientists said the study will only include female participants so that researchers can control for the variability between the body's natural hormones in men and women.

Coffee's anti-cancer link explained: study



die-off of cells harmed by UV rays.

The altered mice eventually did develop cancer, but three weeks later than normal mice, according to the study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

After 19 weeks of ultraviolet light exposure, the engineered mice showed 69 percent fewer tumors and four times fewer invasive tumors than the control group.

However, the protective effects only went so far. After 34 weeks of UV exposure, all the mice developed tumors.

Conney and his team were able to confirm their hypothesis that caffeine -- when consumed or applied to the skin -- works by inhibiting ATR. Now they say more studies are needed to see how it may work on humans.

Non-melanoma types of skin cancer, including basal cell and squamous cell types, are the most commonly diagnosed and are often treatable if detected early.

Previous studies have shown coffee drinkers tend to have fewer incidences of breast, uterine, prostate and colon cancers, but the beneficial effects are not seen in people who drink decaffeinated coffee.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Coffee has been shown to reduce the risk of skin cancer by helping kill off damaged cells that could otherwise turn into tumors, according to a US study published this week.

The findings indicate that moderate caffeine drinking, or perhaps even applying coffee to the skin, could be useful in warding off non-melanoma cancer, the most commonly diagnosed of all skin cancers.

Using mice that had been genetically altered to suppress a protein enzyme called ATR, researchers showed that the mice were able to fend off cancer even when exposed to ultraviolet light.

Previous studies have suggested that drinking about a cup of caffeinated coffee per day has the effect of suppressing ATR and triggering the



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Nun to emerge from convent after 84 years to meet pope

MADRID (AFP) - At 103 years old, Sister Teresita is ready to have the experience of a lifetime. After spending the last 84 years in a convent, she will emerge on Friday to meet Pope Benedict XVI in Madrid.

Sister Teresita lives at the Buenafuente del Sistol convent, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) northeast of Madrid, which she entered at the age of 19, on April 16, 1927, by a strange coincidence the day when Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict, was born in Germany.

She has only ever left the compound during the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War, for a few hours at time to escape the fighting. But she will interrupt her isolation briefly to meet the pope, who is to meet with nuns in Madrid on the occasion of the World Youth Day festival.

"She said she thinks she will make the trip with her eyes closed, so that nothing will distract her," said the convent's mother superior, Maria.

Sister Teresita has been a minor celebrity since she was featured in a book, "What is a girl like you doing in a place like that", the author of which, Jesus Garcia, recounted the lives of 10 nuns in the convent.

"Who can spend 84 years in a convent without being happy? Of course I'm happy," she was quoted as saying in the book.

She said that her father, a farm worker, encouraged her and her sister to become nuns, perhaps as a way to escape extreme poverty.

When she entered the convent, she only had a vague idea of what life would be like. But over the years, she has found happiness.

"You feel happiness when you follow your vocation," she said.

Mystery surrounds Sonia Gandhi's health

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Since the shock announcement on August 4 that India's most powerful politician Sonia Gandhi was to undergo surgery in the United States, barely a word has leaked out about her health.

The silence in most of the Indian media about the 64-year-old's condition and the refusal of the ruling Congress party to divulge information has raised some uncomfortable questions about transparency in the world's biggest democ-

racy.

The independence of the media and the country's openness -- it passed a Right to Information Act in 2005 -- are a source of national pride, often contrasted with conditions in secretive regimes elsewhere in South Asia.

"I was really shocked to see in regular Congress party briefings, the media present there did not seek information, did not demand information," the editor of the Business Standard newspaper Sanjaya Baru

says.

"We have had silence from the media... There is nothing about Mrs Gandhi's health and she's the most important politician in the country," he said during a debate on the CNN-IBN news channel.

The Business Standard has been the most aggressive of the Indian newspapers -- it demanded answers in an editorial -- and Baru believes they are entitled to information.

On India's boisterous cable news channels, which are nor-

mally quick to pressure and criticise the government, Gandhi has featured rarely, with news and debates focused on corruption or the national cricket team's recent defeats.

The Italian-born Gandhi is the widow of assassinated former premier Rajiv Gandhi and wields enormous clout from her power-broking position as Congress party president and coalition chairperson.

Since she was admitted to hospital, aides to the leader have confirmed she spent 24

hours in intensive care and was recovering from successful surgery at an undisclosed location, believed to be New York.

The government has argued that further disclosures would be made by the famously media-shy political boss if she desired.

Speaking on Monday, Gandhi's politician son Rahul, who has been left jointly in control during his mother's convalescence, told journalists that "she is much better" without elaborating.



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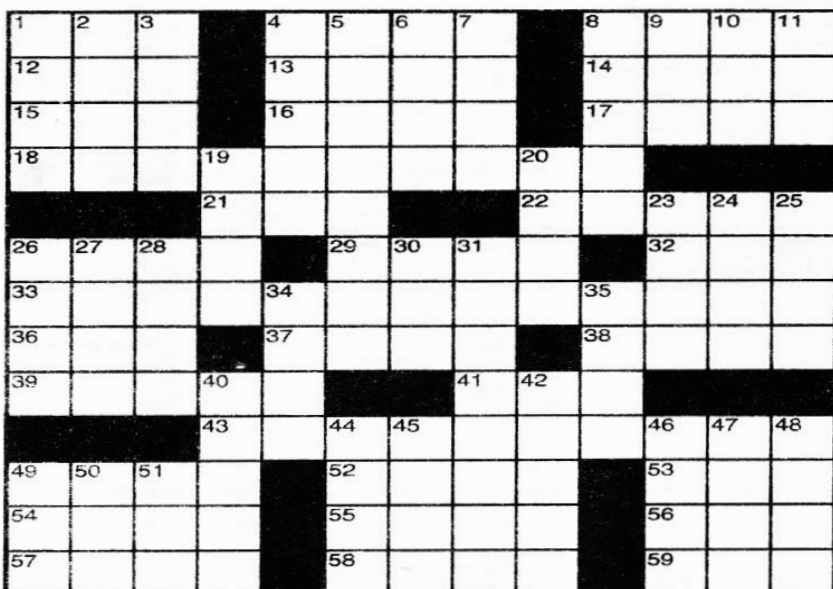
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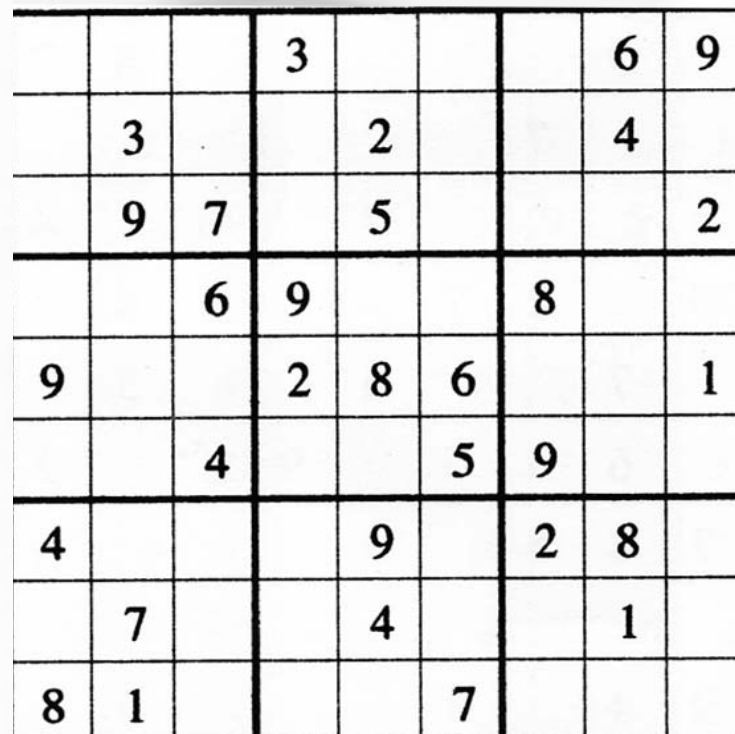
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Fitch confirms US AAA rating, with a stable outlook

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Fitch confirmed on Tuesday its triple-A rating of the United States but warned the country's medium-term debt profile appears "at the limit" of what would merit its top credit grade.

The agency also said the deterioration of the economy or the failure of a special congressional committee to slash fiscal deficits could lead to a reassessment of the rating and a possible cut by the end of the year.

"The affirmation of the US 'AAA' sovereign rating reflects the fact that the key pillars of US's exceptional creditworthiness remain intact: its pivotal role in the global financial system and the flexible, diversified and wealthy economy that provides its revenue base," Fitch Ratings said.

"Monetary and exchange rate flexibility further enhances the capacity of the economy to absorb and adjust to 'shocks,'" Fitch said, praising the US economy as one of the most productive and business friendly in the world.

"Fitch continues to forecast that the US economy (and tax base) will, over the medium term, be one of the most dynamic amongst its high-grade and 'AAA' peers," it said.

But it also highlighted the problems singled out by rival rating agency Standard & Poor's when it dealt the country its first-ever downgrade on August 5.

"The fiscal profile of the

US government has deteriorated sharply and is set to become an outlier relative to 'AAA' peers," Fitch said.

For the latter half of this decade, the agency forecast that gross general government debt will reach 105 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), a ratio higher than any other triple-A rated country.

Despite some other recent reports warning economic growth could be stagnating, Fitch said it expects the country's economic recovery from the 2008-2009 recession will "regain momentum" and will achieve GDP growth of 2.25 percent over the long term.

And it also said it needed to see the results of the special committee of 12 members of Congress who are tasked with finding \$1.2-1.5 trillion in deficit cuts for the next decade.

Under a deal signed into law on August 2, the six Democrats and six Republicans

have to complete the job by November 23 and their plan be accepted by Congress and White House.

If not, automatically \$1.2 trillion will be cut from government spending.

The success of the committee is crucial: S&P also cited the political logjam in Washington as the reason it had doubts the United States would act on its fiscal problems.

Fitch said if the committee is successful, it would "demonstrate that a sufficiently broad-based political consensus can be forged" on long-term deficit reduction measures.

On the other hand, it warned that if it has to revise upward its projection of long-term public debt due to worsening economic conditions or the failure of the committee to achieve adequate cuts, it "would likely" downgrade its outlook for the country.

Caribbean lobbies US to protect ethanol plants

GEORGETOWN (AFP) - Caribbean states hope to team up with Central America to lobby Washington against lifting a tariff on Brazilian ethanol, to protect its own ethanol plants, officials said Tuesday.

Caribbean Community (Caricom) Secretary General, Irwin La Rocque said ethanol would be on the agenda of a Caricom-Central American Integration System (SICA) summit to be held in El Salvador August 18-19.

While optimistic that the US would retain the 54 cents per gallon tariff on Brazilian ethanol, he suggested Caricom wants Washington to go beyond assurances given by US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton earlier this year.

"We received certain assurances, without any specific commitments, that the matter will be addressed so that we can continue to trade ethanol with the United States," he told reporters.

A senior Caricom trade official, speaking with AFP on condition of anonymity, said the region fears that if the US removes the tariff, three ethanol plants in Jamaica and two in Trinidad and Tobago will be shut down.

The official said Caricom expects that SICA will join the Caricom lobby because one ethanol plant in Costa Rica and two in El Salvador also face possible closure. All those plants are buying Brazilian ethanol, processing and exporting it to the US.

Earnings by Caribbean ethanol plants have soared from US\$15 million in 2002 to US\$160 million in 2008.

The Caribbean hopes to continue cashing in on the US' lucrative ethanol market under the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) which allows for further processing and supply of ethanol up to seven percent of the previous year's consumption.

Obama, 2012 Republicans clash on jobs



DECORAH (AFP) - President Barack Obama has told Republicans to stop playing games that hurt the US economy, but his foes mocked his "Magical Misery" tour by bus through key Midwest swing states.

Reeling from one of the bleakest patches of his crisis-strewn presidency, Obama on Monday boarded his new \$1.1 million Secret Service armored bus for a three-day, three-state bus trip at a time of deep national gloom over the economy.

He pressed the flesh, parried a question from a conservative Tea Party activist, hugged children, stopped at a sandwich bar and bought pumpkin pie, energized by his escape from the febrile politics of Washington.

In two town-hall style question-and-answer events, Obama took his clearest swipes yet at potential 2012 election foes, and he warned Republican lawmakers he would make them pay at the

polls if they block his plans for jobs growth.

Later, back in Iowa, the heartland state where he set sights on the White House in 2008, Obama promised he would ask voters to judge Republicans harshly if they knocked back new jobs programs he plans to unveil in September.

But Republican criticism of Obama's economic leadership has resonance because although the president claims to have staved off a second Great Depression, the recovery is too slow to dent 9.1 percent unemployment.

Mitt Romney, front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, zeroed in on Obama's weakness, saying he was oblivious to the human cost of the lagging economy.

Obama called on Republicans to back an extension of a payroll tax cut, ratify free trade deals with Panama, Colombia and South Korea, and support his plan to put Iraq and Afghan war veterans to work.

Dutch economy grows 0.1% in second quarter

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Dutch economy expanded by 0.1 percent in the second quarter compared with the first three months of the year according to a preliminary estimate, the Dutch central statistics office said on Tuesday.

The economy grew by 1.5 percent in the second quarter compared to the same period

in 2010.

Exports grew by 2.9 percent by volume, but this was still a drop from the first quarter.

Domestic consumption was stagnant, with a slight increase in consumption of durable goods counterbalanced by a drop in spending on food and entertainment.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying

because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in

our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the struc-



tures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or

long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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Greenpeace hands Rainbow Warrior to Bangladesh



Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior II sits at a dock in Singapore.

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Environmental campaign group Greenpeace on Tuesday handed over its iconic protest ship Rainbow Warrior II to a Bangladeshi charity which will turn it into a floating hospital.

Greenpeace said it hoped that Friendship would continue to use the ship as a beacon of hope.

"This ship has carried people from around the world and has stood as an icon of hope over pessimism and as an emblem of action over complacency," Rainbow Warrior II captain Mike Fincken said during a sombre handover ceremony in Singapore.

Friendship has renamed the vessel Rongdhonu, which also means Rainbow, and will turn it into a hospital ship.

From plying the high seas to protest against whaling and nuclear testing, the ship will now stay close to shore to deliver medical assistance to impoverished communities in Bangladesh, Greenpeace said.

"Bangladesh has a coastline and the condition of healthcare in the coastline is as bad as the river areas," said Runa Khan, the executive director of Friendship Bangladesh.

"More environmental issues are going to come up, and there's going to be more and more tsunamis and cyclones and we need a medical ship fully equipped as a hospital to be able to reach (victims) as soon as possible," she told AFP.

Greenpeace's original Rainbow Warrior was sunk by French intelligence agents in 1985 in New Zealand in a bid to stop activists from protesting against France's nuclear tests in the Pacific Ocean.

It was replaced by Rainbow Warrior II, which first sailed for the organisation in 1989.

The ship confronted environmental crimes and nuclear testing, provided disaster relief to victims of the 2004 tsunami in Southeast Asia, and blocked shipments of illegal timber

from the world's rainforests, Greenpeace said.

The vessel also "sailed against over fishing, whaling, war, global warming and other environmental crimes on every ocean of the world", it said.

Before coming to Singapore for the handover, the ship carried out radiation sampling in waters off Fukushima, the site of the nuclear power plant damaged during the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in March.

It will set sail for the Bangladeshi port of Chittagong after the handover.

Fincken, the ship captain, rang the green and white ship's bell for the final time and the Greenpeace flag was lowered and replaced by Friendship's banner.

The third Rainbow Warrior vessel will join Greenpeace in October when the group marks its 40th anniversary. Greenpeace had decided to have a ship built instead of buying a used vessel as it did previously.

Fincken said the new Rainbow Warrior will be more fuel efficient and faster than Rainbow Warrior II, which is 55 years old.

"The environmental battles that are happening are getting more and more difficult to champion, to fight, because we need to sometimes go faster," he told AFP on Monday ahead of the handover.

"It helped shaped our lives and formed us into the people we are... and it had been part of Greenpeace for 22 years.

Madrid mass launches six-day party for pope



CASTELGANDOLFO : Pope Benedict XVI shakes hands with pilgrims after celebrating a mass to mark the Assumption Day, in the outskirts of Rome, on August 15,

MADRID (AFP) - Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims gathered in Madrid for a giant open-air mass Tuesday, the launch of a six-day Catholic youth party for Pope Benedict XVI at a time of economic hardship in Spain. The faithful packed into the emblematic central Madrid square of Cibeles for the inaugural mass in the evening celebrated by Madrid's archbishop, Cardinal Antonio Maria Rouco Varela.

A massive white stage decorated with an image of Mary and Jesus has been built in the square, named after a stone fountain featuring the Roman goddess of nature on a chariot hauled by two lions.

Pop music blared out from dozens of massive speakers as the young pilgrims, many wearing the yellow World Youth Day T-shirts and floppy hats, milled around in temperatures of 35 degrees Celsius (95 Fahrenheit), or sat on the grass on Paseo de Recoletos avenue, excitedly taking pictures of each other.

Also Tuesday, 200 white confessionals in the form of

boat sails were opened along the main thoroughfare through Madrid's Retiro park, where priests and bishops from across the world listened -- in 30 languages -- to the confessions of the pilgrims.

More than a million Roman Catholics from 193 nations are congregating in the Spanish capital for the World Youth Day celebrations.

The 84-year-old pontiff, spiritual leader of more than one billion Roman Catholics worldwide, will be welcomed at a ceremony in Cibeles square when he arrives on Thursday. The expense of staging the event has sparked howls of protest in some quarters in a country tightening its belt and suffering a jobless rate of more than 20 percent.

"It is an abuse, stupidity, because they occupy the squares for several days," said 78-year-old retired Spanish and English language professor Amadeo Alaez. "But on the other hand it is tourism, folklore, people have fun, the youngsters dance and have a good time because they are on holiday."

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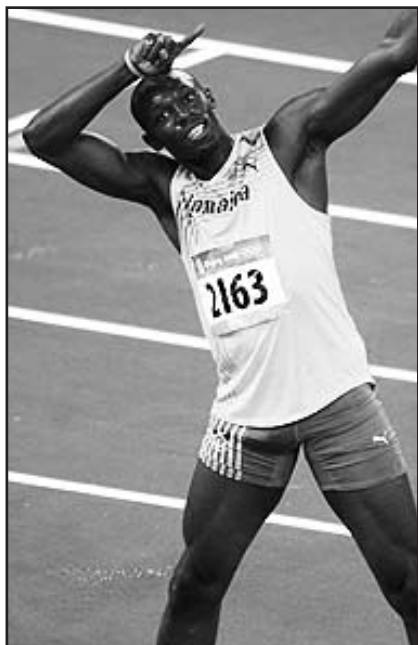


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Bolt leads Jamaican Worlds team - Team



KINGSTON (AFP) - Reigning double world champion Usain Bolt heads Jamaica's team for the 2011 athletics World Championships, a squad that includes three more defending champions but not provisionally suspended Steve Mullings.

Bolt, winner of the men's 100m and 200m in world record times of 9.58sec and 19.19, in Berlin Germany two years ago, will be joined in Jamaica's strong 50-member delegation by fellow defending champions Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, who took the women's 100m, women's 400m hurdles champion Melaine Walker and Brigitte Foster-Hylton, the women's 100m hurdles winner.

Asafa Powell, who is still in search of his first global

title in the men's 100m joins Bolt in the event along with Yohan Blake.

Other gold medal contenders include Veronica Campbell-Brown, who is vying for her first World Championships sprint double, 400m hurdles favourite Kaliese Spencer and 800m runner Kenia Sinclair.

Nesta Carter is expected to be a medal contender in the 100m in place of Mullings, who returned a positive drug test sample at the Jamaican trials.

At 400 meters, Jermaine Gonzales, Kerron Stewart, and Rosemarie Whyte are also very strong contenders.

The World Championships are to be held in Daegu, South Korea, from August 27-September 4.

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Pulis pitches in over Euro playing surface

LONDON (AFP) - Stoke manager Tony Pulis has hit out at the fact his team will have to play on an artificial surface when they travel to Swiss side FC Thun for their Europa League clash later this week.

"It's a big disadvantage to us when we are up against a good side with an excellent home record who are top of their league.

"If you are going away and playing on grass that is fine but to fly to a country and have to play on an artificial pitch is a big call.

"You only have to look at their home record, it is outstanding, and they won 5-2 on Sunday and play very well on their surface," he added.

"It's difficult enough just learning about going away in Europe and trying to get results, but the conditions makes it doubly difficult."

Beaten Giants fan makes progress - doctor

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Bryan Stow, the San Francisco Giants fan brutally beaten outside Dodger Stadium on baseball's opening day, has made "significant improvement," his doctor said Monday.

Stow, who suffered serious brain injury in the attack, is awake and breathing on his own, doctor Geoff Manley said.

Manley, the chief of neurosurgery at San Francisco General Hospital, said Stow can move slightly and has been able to interact with his family.

But the doctor said it remains to be seen how full a recovery Stow will make.

"His ability to follow commands has greatly increased,"

Manley said. "There have been a lot of ups and downs and we still don't know where he's going to plateau in terms of his recovery."

Stow, a paramedic and father of two, underwent surgery in Los Angeles after the March 31 attack and was in a medically induced coma for weeks.

He was moved to San Francisco in May. Last month doctors performed emergency surgery to remove fluid buildup in his skull that caused a seizure.

Manley said Stow might need a shunt to permanently divert such fluid.

"Given where he was when he first came here, he's significantly improved," Manley said. "He still has a long way to go."



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Swann tells England - don't let ranking go to heads

LONDON (AFP) - England spinner Graeme Swann says his teammates must not allow their impending ascension to the top spot in the world rankings to go to their heads as they seek to complete a 4-0 Test whitewash of India at The Oval this week.

England will be confirmed as the best Test side in the world after the series but Swann believes the team must ensure they complete the job and see off the demoralised tourists.

He said: "It's a nice feeling (to take over the top ranking) - but it's not what we are focusing on.

"We said before the series it didn't matter if we got to number one in the world.

"It's about finishing the series well and that is what we are aiming to do at The Oval

"We want to do ourselves justice in the last game - we did that very well in the Ashes. Having retained them we gave our best performance of the series in Sydney in the last game and we are looking to emulate that here.

"We have played some exceptional cricket in the last 18-24 months and it would be a shame if we ruined it all by cruising through this game so let's make it a really good five days and see what happens.

Swann said England must not underestimate India in the final Test and stick to the game plan which has seen them land the series.

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NY YANKEES	73	46	.613	0.5	ATLANTA	71	51	.582	8.5
TAMPA	64	56	.533	10.0	NY METS	59	62	.488	20.0
TORONTO	61	60	.504	13.5	WASHINGTON	57	62	.479	21.0
BALTIMORE	47	72	.395	26.5	FLORIDA	56	65	.463	23.0
Central					Central				
DETROIT	64	57	.529	--	MILWAUKEE	71	51	.582	--
CLEVELAND	60	57	.513	2.0	ST. LOUIS	65	57	.533	6.0
CHICAGO	60	60	.500	3.5	CINCINNATI	59	62	.488	11.5
MINNESOTA	53	67	.442	10.5	PITTSBURG	57	63	.475	13.0
KANSAS	50	72	.410	14.5	CHICAGO	54	68	.433	17.0
West					West				
TEXAS	70	52	.574	--	HOUSTON	38	84	.311	33.0
LA ANGELES	65	57	.533	5.0	ARIZONA	68	53	.562	--
SEATTLE	53	67	.442	16.0	SAN FRANCISCO	66	56	.541	2.5
OAKLAND	53	68	.438	16.5	COLORADO	57	66	.463	12.0
					LA DODGERS	55	65	.458	12.5
					SAN DIEGO	54	69	.439	15.0

Twins' Thome hits 600th career homer

DETROIT (AFP) - Minnesota Twins slugger Jim Thome became the eighth Major League Baseball player to hit 600 home runs in a career on Monday, belting two in a 9-6 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Thome, 40, hit his 599th career homer, a two-run blast to left-center field, off Detroit's Rick Porcello in the sixth inning, in his third at-bat.

It travelled an estimated 412 feet and gave the Twins a 5-3 lead.

He came to the plate again in the seventh and knocked a 2-1 pitch from Daniel Schlereth over the left field fence for a three-run homer, circling the bases as fans in Detroit gave him a standing ovation.

The Detroit scoreboard lit up with a message congratulating Thome on the feat and his teammates came out to meet him at home plate.

"It's an unbelievable night,

obviously," Thome said. "It's something you never dream of doing. You dream about it, but when it finally happens it's kind of surreal."

Of the eight major league players to reach 600 homers in a career, the most recent was Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez, on August 4, 2010.

Thome, who has battled injuries during a difficult season for the Twins, has toiled toward the milestone with relatively little fanfare.

He joined an elite club that includes Rodriguez, who currently has 626 homers, record-holder Barry Bonds with 762, Hank Aaron with 755, Babe Ruth with 714, Willie Mays with 660, Ken Griffey Jr with 630 and Sammy Sosa with 609.

Thome became the oldest player to hit a 600th career homer. Sosa previously held that mark at 38 years, 220 days, reaching the milestone in 2007.

China's Li reaches Cincy third round

CINCINNATI (AFP) - French Open champion Li Na moved smoothly into the third round of the ATP and WTA hardcourt US Open tune-up here Tuesday with a straight-set victory over Lucie Safarova.

Li, whose triumph at Roland Garros made her China's first Grand Slam tennis champion, defeated the Czech 6-3, 6-4 to become the first woman to reach the third round.

It was Li's first match win since her second-round exit at Wimbledon, and followed her opening match defeat in Toronto last week.

"I needed some matches for the hard court," said Li, who reached the Australian Open final in January.

"It's always tough, but I was happy I could win the match today," added Li, the fifth seed. "Because I missed a lot, I think I need some matches for me to find the timing on the court."

Fourth-seeded Russian Maria Sharapova, sixth-seeded Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova and eighth-seeded Marion Bartoli were also due to open their campaigns with second-round matches on Tuesday.

All of the top eight seeds, led on the women's side by Caroline Wozniacki and on the men's by Novak Djokovic, have first-round byes.

Men's third-seed Roger Federer was slated for a second-round clash with Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro.

Del Potro, who upset Federer in five sets in the 2009 US Open final, is climbing back up the rankings after missing much of 2010 with a wrist injury that required surgery.

After losing six straight to Federer, del Potro has won their last two encounters.

"If I have a good day, maybe I can make a surprise," said del Potro, who advanced on Sunday when



Li Na of China serves to Lucie Safarova

Andreas Seppi retired from their first-round match.

"Not many players can beat Federer. I've already beaten him twice, so I know how to play him. But it's Roger. He's the favorite."

Men's eighth seed Tomas Berdych took on Argentina's Juan Monaco in another men's second-round clash.

In other first-round matches on Tuesday, in-form former world number one Serena Williams - winner of her last two tournaments - held on to beat tenacious Czech Lucie Hradecka 6-3, 7-6 (7/5).

Unseeded Flavia Pennetta upset 12th-seeded Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, while 13th-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia cruised past Czech Iveta Benesova 6-0, 6-3.

On the men's side, Czech Radek Stepanek - winner of his first title in 2 1/2 years earlier this month when he won the Washington Classic - withstood 21 aces from John Isner to defeat the gargantuan American 7-5, 5-7, 7-6 (7/4).

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, a Wimbledon semi-finalist and the 15th seed, defeated Croatia's Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-4, while Croatia's Ivan Dodig defeated Latvia's Ernests Gulbis 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) to line up a second-round clash with sixth-seeded Frenchman Gael Monfils.



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Milan rule out Kaka swoop



ROME (AFP) - AC Milan chief executive Adriano Galliani has moved to end speculation linking Brazilian Kaka with a move back to the rossoneri by describing such an eventuality as unfeasible.

Kaka moved to Real Madrid from Milan two years ago in a 67 million euro deal but is rumoured to be unsettled in the Spanish capital.

He has suffered from injuries and has not always been first choice, particularly under Jose Mourinho.

Italian press have claimed he will make a shock return to Milan but Galliani says it simply isn't financially viable.

"Two years ago when he went to Madrid I was moved," Galliani told Sky Sport 24 on Tuesday.

"But his costs are too high for Milan. He would have to take a much greater wage cut than (Cesc) Fabregas did to

go to Barcelona.

"We would have to sign Kaka permanently otherwise, due to the Spanish fiscal system (a loan move) would create huge cost problems.

"Kaka can only move (on loan) within Spain. For us to sign him would mean doing so permanently, not on loan.

"I'm sorry to disappoint the fans but the Kaka hypothesis is unfeasible, however something could happen (in the transfer market)."

Having started his career at Sao Paulo, Kaka spent six years at Milan, winning the Champions League and one Serie A title.

He was also named World Player of the Year in 2007.

Milan are rumoured to be interested in signing Italian internationals Alberto Aquilani and Riccardo Montolivo, currently playing for Liverpool and Fiorentina respectively.

Forlan's is one of two names being linked with Inter, who look certain to sell Cameroon forward Samuel Eto'o to Anzhi Makhachkala this week.

They have also been linked with Manchester City's Carlos Tevez as a possible replacement.

Forlan eyes Inter move despite Gala interest

ROME (AFP) - Diego Forlan has set his sights on a move to Inter Milan despite interest from Galatasaray, Italian media reported on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old Uruguay forward currently plays for Atletico Madrid in Spain but allegedly claimed from his holidays in Miami that he dreams of playing for Inter.

And he also claimed he has had an offer from the Milan giants.

"Yes, it's true I've received

NHL player Rick Rypien dead at 27

OTTAWA (AFP) - Winnipeg Jets player Rick Rypien was found dead in his Crowsnest Pass, Alberta home on Monday, the National Hockey League club said Tuesday. He was 27.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said they received a call about a "sudden and non-suspicious" death, and investigated. No cause of death has been given.

Rypien had spent parts of six seasons with the Vancouver Canucks, but was twice in three years forced off the ice

to deal with undisclosed personal issues.

Last month, the forward signed a one-year US\$700,000 deal with the Jets.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, National Hockey League Players' Association executive director Don Fehr and the Jets' owners praised Rypien and offered their condolences.

"Rick was a talented player with an extremely bright future. His hunger for the game made him a valued

team member both on and off the ice. This loss has impacted us as more than just a hockey team," True North Sports and Entertainment and the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club said in a statement.

Rypien's was the second death of an active NHL player this off-season.

New York Rangers enforcer Derek Boogaard, 28, was found dead on May 13 in Minneapolis from ingesting a toxic mix of alcohol and pain killers.

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